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**Pittsburgh Centennial Celebration.**  
The One Hundredth Anniversary of the occupation of Fort Duquesne by the British, was celebrated at Pittsburgh on the 25th of November, 1858, with great pomp and circumstance.

It was the Gazette, "a grand centennial ovation to the memory of a great man as well as of a great event." Pitt, who succeeded Greenville as Premier of Great Britain, has left his impress upon the world. Under the former, the colonies languished; by the defeat of Braddock, Western Pennsylvania in particular was left at the mercy of a bloody foe and efficient measures were taken to roll back the bloody tide. Pitt took the helm and from Far India to the Mississippi the electric influence of a great genius ran through the world. Pennsylvania felt it, and in the overthrow of Fort Duquesne and its subjugation to British rule, and a barrier was erected against Indian invasion, in the whole valley of the Ohio and of the West. It was a gallant day—that of the 25th November, 1758.

The great feature of the Centennial Celebration was the Procession. There were from fifteen to twenty thousand persons in the line, representing nearly every profession and occupation of the industrious Pittsburghers, and the regions round about for an hundred miles. Nine military companies led the host. The next division was composed of United States, State, and City officials, Soldiers of 1812, and invited guests. Then came the Farmers, a grand parade, followed by the park horses of the old time when goods were thus brought over the Alleghenies. The type on which the first copies of the Pittsburgh Gazette were printed, were brought on a pack saddle over the mountains in 1786. The identical saddle and bags used by Gen. Joseph Mifflin in packing said in 1792, were in the procession, several men acting as scouts, together with many other curious relics. A wagon with huge wooden wheels, the style most in vogue less than a century ago, followed the pack horses. A mover's family occupied the wagon. Then came a wagon with a plow of fifty years ago and another of that time. The Farmers' division attracted much attention.

The Fire Companies, nine in number, composed the next division; and the next of about twenty delegations from the Rolling Mills and Steel Works, made a most magnificent display. The Glass Blowers made a unique turn-out. The standard bearers bore aloft glass vases, pitchers and goblets, while each man had on his head a glass helmet, beautiful and wonderfully executed. The various trades of the city were appropriately represented, and the coal miners turned out several hundred strong, with the implements of labor in motion. The Conestoga wagons and teamsters which succeeded the pack horses between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh were a feature of the exhibition. The procession closed with an immense throng of Societies, American, Protestant, and Catholic, and the grand spectacle was two hours and twenty minutes in passing a given point.

The procession proceeded to Duquesne Depot, a building 666 feet in length by 130 in width, the floor unbroken by post or pillar. It was adorned with evergreens and brilliantly lighted with gas. The venerable Judge Wilkins presided, and prayer was offered by the venerable Dr. Heron, one of the earliest ministers of the West. Letters were read from President Buchanan, Senator Seward, Senator Cameron, Gov. Parker, etc., and an eloquent Oration was pronounced by the Hon. A. W. Loomis. At about 2 P. M. cannon fired a parting salute, and the grand pageant was over.

**Reforms in Russia.**  
The Emperor Alexander is still pressing forward his great work of the abolition of Serfdom. The nobility of Moscow having displayed apathy on the subject, the Emperor has addressed them in grave and severe terms, declaring that the eyes of Russia he told them was fixed on Moscow, and he assured them that while he was attached to the nobility, he desired the general good.

A late letter from St. Petersburg says it is evident that the nobility silently oppose the wishes of the Emperor; but the people of Russia have unbounded confidence in the Czar, and this alone prevents a terrible outbreak.

Among other reforms Alexander is engaged in, is that of the Judiciary of the Empire. The Judiciary is to be re-organized, and trial by jury inaugurated. The liquor traffic is also to be taken in hand by the Emperor. It has heretofore been farmed out to individuals—the whole system proving such a terrible scourge to the country, that the Emperor has decided that the millions the treasury derives from this monopoly do not compensate for the demoralization produced by it upon the people, and that it is his duty to abolish it. Within a few years a system to be elaborated, and a change effected "compatible with the development of education and civilization in Russia." The term of the present farming-out liquor system expires in 1863, and the Emperor will not authorize its prolongation.

**"Inalienable Candor, and Decision."**  
Readers will recollect that we published a few days ago several extracts from a recent speech made by the Hon. Jefferson Davis since his return to Mississippi, threatening to divide the Union should a Republican President be elected, and advising the State of Mississippi to commence fanning cannon, procuring Minnie rifles, and making other military preparations in anticipation of that event!

About the same time President Buchanan wrote his twaddling Union letter to the loyal people of Pittsburgh, his official organ, the Washington Union, published the Disunion speech of Davis, and approvingly declared that it is "characterized by manliness, candor, and decision!"

**Acquittal of Cole.**  
Hiram Cole, charged with the murder of his wife in Georgia county, tried there the jury failing to agree, has been acquitted by an Atlanta county jury.

The recent murder trials in Hamilton county, Sandusky county, and Ashabula, show that tears and the death penalty are potent for mercy.

**PROGRESS OF EMANCIPATION IN RUSSIA.**—The Russian Gazette of St. Petersburg, on the 30th of October, gives an account of the election of Municipal Council by the inhabitants of two villages in the suburbs of St. Petersburg. These inhabitants had been attached to the glebe as serfs of the Admiralty since Peter the Great's time, and were forced to work as carpenters. The Emperor Alexander II, by a ukase published in the month of March this year, enfranchised them, giving them the power of becoming citizens of the Capital itself, or of forming a distinct community. The number of persons thus freed amounts to 3,435 of both sexes.

## Presidential Bad Taste.

President Buchanan is so much in the dumps about the Union which his election was to save beyond a peradventure, that he had to give vent to his forebodings in his letter to the Pittsburgh Centennial Celebration. It alluded to disunion, or a military despotism in America as possible, in a very twaddling way. When it had been read to the crowd by the Hon. Wilson McCandless, some one, in equally bad taste as Mr. Buchanan, called for "Three cheers for Buchanan—a hero!" which was received with hisses and laughter. We quote from the letter:

I regret to say that the present omens are far from propitious. In the last age of the Republic, it was considered almost treasonable to pronounce the word *Disunion*. Times have since changed and now Disunion is freely pronounced as the remedy for evanescent evils, real or imaginary, which if left to themselves would speedily vanish away in the progress of events.

Who prescribe Disunion "as the remedy for evanescent evils, real or imaginary?" Southern Democrats, and no body else. The men who made Mr. Buchanan President—the men who control his Administration—the men who dictate his Kansas policy—the men who provoke sectional strife—the men who agitate, agitate—the men who threaten dissolution—the men who worship "niggers" and nothing more—the men who pursue the domestic slave trade and would the foreign if they could—the men who would thrust slavery into every free Territory of the Union—the men who coerced the Supreme Court into the Dred Scott Decision—the men who would and filibuster—the men who have frightened every weak-kneed Northern President since the days of Old Hickory by disunion threats—in short the men who deserve the hangman's head instead of Executive favor and office. Again, says President Buchanan:

I shall assume the privilege of advancing views in referring to another growing and dangerous evil. In the last age, although our fathers, like ourselves, were divided into political parties, which often had severe conflicts with each other, yet we never heard, until within a recent period, of the employment of money to carry elections. Should this practice increase until the voters and their representatives in the State and National legislatures shall become infected, the fountain of free government will then be poisoned at its source, and we must end, as history proves, in a military despotism.

Mr. Buchanan probably knows as much about the "employment of money to carry elections" as most of our office-holders, of whom he is the chief. Colonel Ferry can tell how much was used to carry Pennsylvania for James Buchanan. Whose Administration has strained every nerve to increase the Army! the standing Army of this Republic! Whose to increase the Navy! Out on such hypocritical stunts in a simple celebration letter.

**The Indiana Senators.**  
At a caucus of the Opposition in the Indiana Legislature, it was resolved to enact a law to provide for the mode of electing United States Senators, and then to proceed to the election of such Senators, and to succeed the unlawful interference to succeed the unlawful interference.

The Leocompton camp is rent with internal strife, the ultraists, Hughes, Robinson, Bright and Willard being at loggerheads with the more moderate men, such as Dunham, McDonald and others. The attempt of the Chicago Times to influence the action of the Anti-Leocompton Democrats in favor of Bright and Fitch is scorned by the best friends of Mr. Douglas. They hold that consistency requires the exposure of Popular Sovereignty to let the people of Indiana regulate their domestic affairs in their own way.

**The Hudson River Road Casualty.**  
The death of Mr. and Mrs. Black, near Tarrytown, Thursday evening, was instant and singular. They were returning from a prayer meeting held at Tarrytown, and it is supposed were walking on the track. The headlight was strong, but the engineer did not see them, and it is supposed they stepped on to the track directly in front of the engine. Mr. Black was struck and thrown off, the body being slightly marked, while the train passed over Mrs. B. mangled the body shockingly. The cause of another warning to persons who are in the habit of periling life by walking on railroad tracks.

**North Carolina Senators.**  
North Carolina has probably chosen two United States Senators ere this. Some ten days ago the Democrats in the Legislature held a caucus and nominated Gen. Clingman unanimously for the short term, and Gov. Bragg on the second ballot for the long term. Gov. Reid, the present incumbent, and Mr. Holden, editor of the Raleigh Standard, were competitors of Gov. Bragg for the nomination. The Democrats have a strong majority in the Legislature.

**Secretary Cobb's Estimate.**  
The law of 1846 requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to make an estimate of the expenditures of the Government for each year, in advance. His estimates last year amounted to \$74,000,000, which proved to be about \$20,000,000 short of the appropriations actually required, under the supervision of the Administration. An Anti-Administration Democrat says that "Necker, and the celebrated financier Laro, would have lost their heads for a mistake of the title of that. Not so with Cobb. He is tickled with the dodge, and this year estimates for only \$50,000,000!"

The plan, is of course, to try to blind the people by a fair, yet false outside. The Secretary knows all the while that an immense deficiency will have to be provided for, sooner or later. At least from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 will be expended for the year to come, over and above what the official proposes to send forth to the country as the demand of this very economical Administration. Let the Opposition members hold the Democracy to their estimate, and leave to the majority the responsibility of any further appropriations.—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

**The Slave Trade.**  
The Emperor Napoleon has come to the sensible conclusion that the importation of negroes into his Colonies, from the African Coast, in the character of free negroes, is virtually the slave trade, and really supplies slaves to a slave market. Taking this view of a mistake he has wisely ordered the commerce in negroes to be put a stop to. French vessels are prohibited from engaging in this deceptive emigration scheme. The weight of the sentiment of all civilized nations is manifestly increasing against the slave population of the world by the addition of another solitary human being from the African shore. France, England and America are now pledged to see that this is not done under any pretext whatever.—*Cin. Gaz.*

**FATAL ACCIDENT—A CHILD'S HEAD CUT OFF.**  
A few days since, while the steamer *Cornif* L. Martin was lying at the dock, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a son of the owner of the steamer, a boy some six or seven years old, was playing about the engine, and finally dropped some thing between the beams supporting the shaft, and stooped over to recover it. The engineer, entirely ignorant of the whereabouts of the boy, started the engine, and the child was crushed between the shaft and the beam, and the crew of the steamer, who were forced to work as carpenters. The Emperor Alexander II, by a ukase published in the month of March this year, enfranchised them, giving them the power of becoming citizens of the Capital itself, or of forming a distinct community. The number of persons thus freed amounts to 3,435 of both sexes.

## Record of Deaths.

Mr. Joel Spencer, among the last of the Revolutionary pensioners of Connecticut, died recently at East Haddam. It is stated that there are but six remaining survivors of those days in the State.—Mr. Charles S. Coleman, the well known proprietor of the Troy House, New York, and recently of the Anglo-American Hotel, Hamilton, Canada, died last week.—The Hon. Benjamin F. Butler died at Paris on the 8th of November. Mr. Butler was born at Kinderhook in 1795, studied law with Ex-President Van Buren, and became his law partner. He was Attorney General under Gen. Jackson, and was afterwards U. S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York.—Isaac Newton, whose name has long been associated with the most extensive enterprises of North River navigation, died on the 23d of Nov. in New York, aged 65. He was a man of unwearied industry, indomitable energy, and sagacious enterprise. His Hudson river boats are the most magnificent in the world.—Cornelius V. Anderson, formerly Chief Engineer of the New York Fire Department, also died Nov. 23d, from disease of the heart. At the time of his death he was one of the Almshouse Governors.—Felix Meitz, aged 162, died at Frenchtown, Michigan, Nov. 16th. He was born in Canada, nearly opposite Detroit, in 1756. He retained his vigor of body and mind until about a year before his death, walking regularly three or four miles to the Catholic Church in Monroe, of which he was always a devoted and faithful member.—Seth J. Bolton, late U. S. Senator from New York, an old citizen of Indianapolis, and one of the pioneer editors of Indiana, died on the 26th of Nov. He arrived at home in bad health from Geneva, and never rallied.—Ex Gov. Wm. Schley, of New York, died Nov. 20th, at the advanced age of 72. He was formerly member of Congress, and in 1835 was elected Governor of Georgia.—Col. Noah D. Snow, a prominent citizen of Fredonia, N. Y., died a few days ago in the prime of manhood. The Hon. John Smith, formerly member of Congress from Vermont, died Nov. 20th, at St. Albans, aged 68 years. He was an enterprising and influential citizen.—Dr. J. L. Comstock, widely known as the author of the "Natural History of the United States," died at Hartford, Conn., a few days ago, aged 71. Comstock's Natural Philosophy is a standard school book, and the sale in the United States has reached nearly a million of copies. He was born in 1786, and his literary career amounted to \$3,000.—R. H. Ransom, President of the Cincinnati and Covington Bridge Co. for bridging the Ohio, died last week. He was a man of first class business capacity.—Adams Rogers, an Englishman, died in New York, and was buried in the City of New York, and attached to the Customs House for 42 years, died on the 19th of November, aged 69.—The Rev. David Young, a distinguished divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at Zanesville, Ohio, Nov. 19th, aged 72. 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